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H.R. No. 185

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
2 honored Richard Courville of China, Texas, at its annual gathering
3 in January 2003 when it named him the recipient of the Don Kelly
4 "South East Texan of the Year" award for 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Given annually to an individual who has made
6 significant contributions to the growth, cooperative spirit, and
7 prosperity of the region, the Don Kelly "South East Texan of the
8 Year" award this year recognizes Mr. Courville for his
9 long-standing record of commitment, volunteerism, and generosity
10 to the community; and

11 WHEREAS, A valued member of the China community since 1990,
12 Mr. Courville at one time served as fire chief for the town; in that
13 capacity, he helped to acquire training and equipment, such as a new
14 radio system; he was also instrumental in the department's
15 acquisition of a new fire engine; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Courville owns Courville's Red Rose Express
17 Special Events Catering, and he has regularly provided catering
18 free of charge to fund-raisers and other special events that
19 benefit such worthwhile organizations as Buckner Children and
20 Family Services, Girls' Haven, and Boys' Haven; and

21 WHEREAS, For the past six years, he has taken care of the food
22 service at the China Elementary School PTO's largest fund-raiser,
23 the annual Auction and Gumbo, enabling the school to purchase new
24 computer and playground equipment; and

1 WHEREAS, Through his countless hours of cooking and
2 volunteering and his generous donation of goods, Mr. Courville has
3 greatly benefited a host of worthy organizations in his community,
4 and his fellow citizens are grateful for his service; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Richard Courville on his receipt of
8 the Don Kelly "South East Texan of the Year" award and extend to him
9 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Courville as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.